Unauthorised construction in Nai Sarak, Delhi

1232. SHR CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1103 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th January, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction raised over the property No. 4069 to 4073 and 4117 to 4121 Nai Sarak, Delhi-6 are over more than hundred year old structure;

(b) whether the cracks have developed due to the burden placed over the said old structure;

(c) whether the said building is dangerous; if not, by when it is expected to becomet dangerous;

(d) the result of the legal action taken by Municipal Corporation of Delhi on 4th July, 1989 so far; and

(e) what action Government propose ot take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that it has no record to indicate the period when the properties were built, no cracks have developed in the structures and no part of the building is in a dangerous condition at present and it is not possible to predict as to when these buildings will become dangerous.

(d) and (e) The property was sealed but the action of the M.C.D. was stayed by the Appellate Tribunal. The matter is *subjudice*.

Prices of Vanaspati

1233. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the prices of vanaspati and edible oils have increased many times during the last six months; if so, the increase per litre particularly in Delhi, Jaipur and Bhadrak;

(b) what action Government have taken so far to bring down the prices of Vanaspati and edible oils; and

(c) th equantity of edible oil imported so far in the country and what is estimated quantity thereof likely to be imported during the period February-May, 1991 alongwith the names of the country from where to be imported ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The increase in retail prices per kg. in respect of Groundnut oil, Mustard oil and Vanaspati in Delhi, Jaipur, and Bhadrak during the last six months are as under:—

(in Rs.)

	Groundnut oil	Mustard oil	Vanaspati
Delhi	6·00	5·00	2·00
Jaipur	1·00	0·50	2.00
Bhadrak	Being Collected.		

(b) Some of the steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices include granting of excise rebate on use of non-conventional oil in vanaspati, reduction of stock limits of edible oilseeds and oils by dealers/processors and manufacturers of edible oils, permitting blending of conventional edible oils with non-conventional oils etc. State Gotvernments have also been asked to undertake strict action against hoarders, blackmarketeers in edible oilseeds and oils, distribution of imported edible oils through Public Distribution System at reasonable prices is continuing.

(c) During the oil year 1989-90 (November—October) a quantity of 6.07 lakh tonnes has been imported for supply through Public Distribution System. Considering the sensitive nature of the edible oil market it is not desirable in the public interest to disclose the likely import during the period February—May, 1991 and from where the purchases/imports would be made.

Lower tariff rates for carrying Iron Ore

1234. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iron Ore from Hospet, Bellary to Madras and Mormugao harbours is carried by the railways by special point to point rates which are lower than tariff rates;

(b) if so, what is the subsidy or loss borne by the railways annualy on account of these special rates from the year 1980 to 1990;

(c) what are the annual figures of freight carried in terms of quantity from 1980 to 1990; and

(d) whether Government pays subsidies to railways or railways are forced to bear the burden of loss due to below tariff rates ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Iron Ore meant for export from Hospet—Bellary sector to Madras and Mormugao harbours is carried at a rate lower than the tariff rate from 1-12-1986.

(b) and (c) The quantum of export Iron Ore carried from 1980 to 1990 and the estimated revenue forgone from 1-12-1986 are as under:—

Year	Quantum of traffic carried (Million Tonnes)	Estimated Revenue forgone (Crores of rupees)
1980-81	3·89	..
1981-82	3·63	..
1982-83	3·26	..
1983-84	3·31	..
1984-85	4·27	..
1985-86	4·99	
1986-87	5·82	2·98 (from Dec. 1986 to March 1987)
1987-88	5 68	9·82
1988-89	5·88	28·00
1989-90	5 95	26 77
1990-91 (upto Jan. '91)	4 57	22 90